# **Appendix D**

# **Public Outreach**

Public Notices
Advocacy Group Contacts
Proofs of Publication

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# Information contained in public notice was also sent via US Mail to the following local, county, and state advocacy groups:

#### ADA-Indiana, c/o Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

2853 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bloomington, IN 47409-2696

#### **Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities**

Indiana Government Center South, Room E145 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

#### **Indiana Council on Independent Living**

402 W. Washington St. Room W453 P.O. Box 7083 Indianapolis, Indiana 46207-7083

#### **Noble of Indiana**

Julia Huffman President/CEO 7701 East 21st Street Indianapolis IN 46219

#### Janus Developmental Services, Inc.

Yolanda Kincaid, President/CEO 1555 Westfield Road Noblesville, Indiana 46062

#### AccessABILITY

Tammy Themel, CEO 9105 East 56th Street Suite 308 Indianapolis, IN 46216

#### Opportunities for Positive Growth, Inc.

10080 E 121st Street, Suite 112 Fishers, IN 46037

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#### **Summary of Public Comments**

#### Received During Comment Period Ending May 14, 2021

- 'Open a gym with minimum weights, but with gym equipment for males and females to work out on. Treadmills, jump ropes, cardio machines. This will improve their health and state of mind, as well as it'll tire them out.'
- 'I took two individuals out yesterday to three different places in Hamilton County to see if they comply with the ADA standards. The first stop was really close. We noticed that when our individuals try to access Golf & Rec from the Midland Trace Trail, they have to walk through the grass and uneven ground. If there is an individual in a wheelchair trying to get to Golf & Rec from the trail they have to go on the road to get there, which is definitely not safe. The second stop we made was at the Monon Trail access point at Rohrer Road. This stop was very accessible for individuals with disabilities. They had several handicapped parking spots, a ramp onto the sidewalk, and handicapped accessible restrooms. Our last stop was at the Hamilton County Courthouse. This building is also accessible for people with disabilities. They have a ramp outside to get up to the entrance, handicapped accessible doors to enter the building, elevators to different floors, and handicapped accessible restrooms on each floor.'
- 'I took three individuals to Koteewi Park last Thursday. One of the individuals uses a wheelchair so I drove a bus that had a wheelchair lift. Our first stop was the Riverside Parking lot. I think this is just a place for people to park and walk the trails. The parking lot was manageable, but we did not get out at this location. There was a porta potty in the parking lot but no handicapped accessible restrooms. The next area we stopped at was the recreational lake. It was difficult to drive the bus on the gravel drive leading to the lake. The gravel used on this drive is bigger and the person we support in the wheelchair said his chair would not be able to maneuver well through it. We also did not get out at this location due to the wheelchair lift not being able to lay flat on the gravel which is required to use it safely. Again, at this location there was one porta potty and not handicapped accessible restrooms. The third area we stopped at was the Taylor Center of Natural History. We did get out at this location. The parking lot has two handicapped parking spots that would not be big enough for our bus to park and be able to use the wheelchair lift. So I parked at the far side of the parking lot, taking up about four parking spots. There were a few bigger cracks in the parking lot that were difficult for the wheelchair to move over. We made our way up to the building which was easy to get to. They also had hands free handicap door openers on their doors, which was awesome! The building was very easy to maneuver around and they had handicapped accessible restrooms. We left through the door that led to the replicated Native American village. There were a few sections of the walkway that had about a ½ inch step down. The individual in the wheelchair was able to get his wheelchair over them but it would be easier if this area was all flat. We did go into one of the life-sized structures, which was really cool. When we left that area we did notice there is not an easy way to get to the Native American Village without going through the building. The last area we drove through was the horse stables, the ariel adventure, snow tubing, and archery range. The roads and parking lots in these areas were very manageable.'

Posted on: January 14, 2022

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#### **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2022

WRITTEN BY: Sara Huss

**MEETING LOCATION:** Commissioners Courtroom at the Judicial Center (1 Hamilton County Square)

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Public Meeting for ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan Project (SETP)

ATTENDEES: Steven Rushforth, Rebekah Schott (County) Sara Huss, Ciera Silva (DLZ)

Yolanda Kincaid (Janus Development Services, Inc.)

1. A public meeting was held to provide an opportunity for the community to comment and ask questions regarding the draft Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP).

- 2. DLZ presented an abbreviated summary of the purpose of the SETP, process, and findings. See attached presentation slides. The presentation accompanying today's public meeting will be included in the final SETP document in the Public Outreach Appendix.
- 3. Floor was opened for questions and comments from those in attendance.
  - a. Ms. Kincaid provided comments on behalf of Janus during the initial public comment period and reviewed the draft plan. She provided the following suggestions:
    - a.i. For future input, consider reaching out to Facebook groups utilized by local persons with disabilities and their families in addition to the avenues used by the County to promote this meeting (website, newspaper, direct mailings).
    - a.ii. Parks are heavily used for Janus outings. Staff typically scouts facilities in advance to make sure they are generally accessible. It would be nice to know all parks are, or have a resource indicating accessibility conditions of various park and their amenities.
    - a.iii. Inquired as to next steps. Plan will be adopted after final revisions and inclusion of public input. Budgets for improvements will start with the next fiscal year (July 2022).
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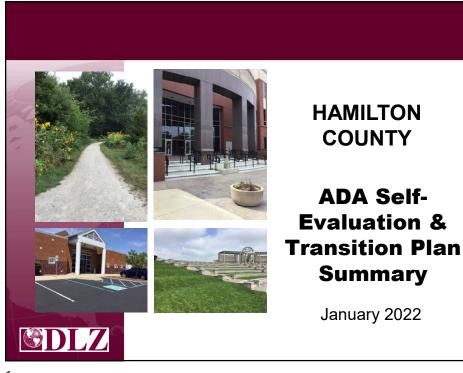
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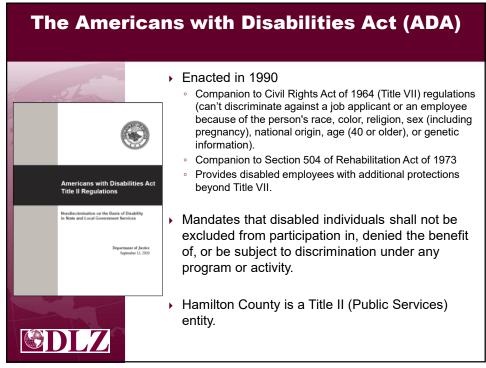
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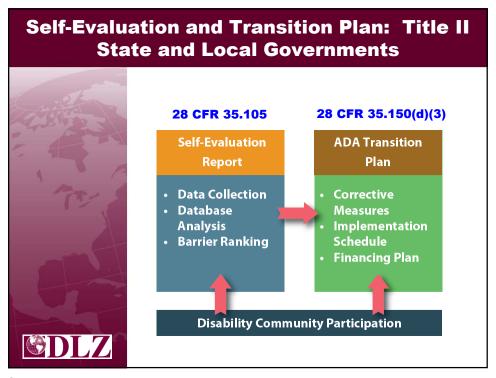
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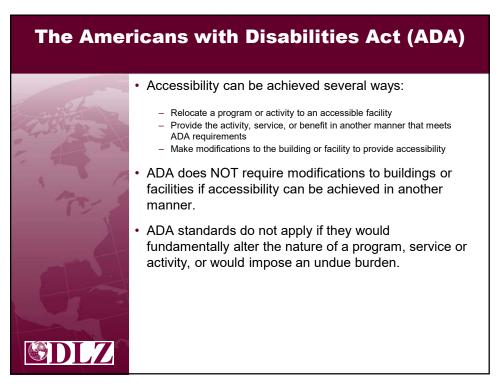
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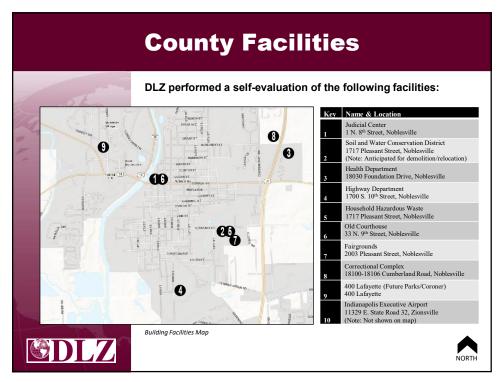
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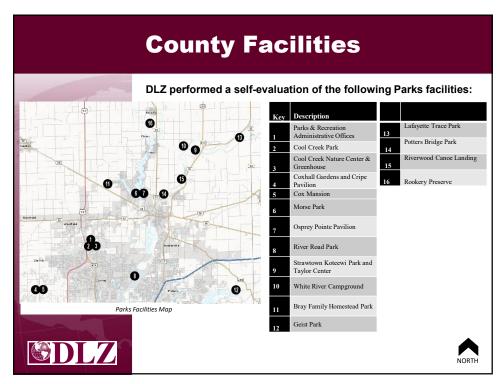


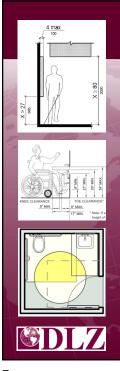












#### **Self-Evaluation**

- · Review of County Facilities
  - Public Areas and Employee Common-Use Areas
  - Parking
  - Pedestrian Access Route (PAR) to building
  - Architectural features including, but not limited to:
    - Doors/Entries
    - Elevators and Stairs
    - Service counters & work surfaces
    - Signage
    - Fire Alarms
    - Drinking Fountains
    - Telephones
    - Maneuvering space
    - Protruding Objects
    - Reach ranges for light switches, outlets, shelving, etc.
    - Restroom stalls, sinks, showers, etc



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# **Findings: County Facilities**



- · Common Findings At Building Facilities
  - Accessible parking exceeding slopes or lacking signage.
  - Accessible routes over cross slopes, displacements
  - Non-compliant curb ramps
  - Door non-compliances such as excessive operating effort and closing speed, door hardware, glazing height and maneuvering spaces
  - Inconsistent wall signage between facilities: compliant, not present or does not provide adequate raised text and Braille
  - Non-compliant drinking fountains
  - Protruding objects (fire extinguishers, drinking fountains, edges of counters)
  - Operable parts too high (switches, outlets, dispensers, etc.)
  - Non-complaint service counters
  - Restrooms with insufficient overall room to accommodate clearances
  - Restroom accessory issues (mounting locations of dispensers, coat hooks, lack of stall door handles, lack of pipe insulation at sinks)
  - Restroom stall issues (door width, stall width/depth, toilet position, incorrectly positioned or no grab bars)
  - Non-compliant kitchen components in employee common-use areas
  - Stairs only at some smaller multi-story facilities

(See Full Report for specific items by facility)







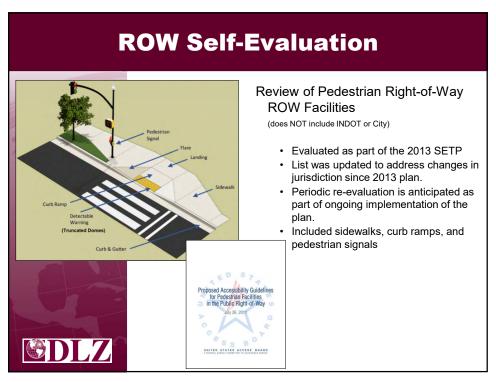
# Pindings: County Facilities Common Findings At Exterior Park Facilities Accessible parking exceed slopes and/or lacking signage. Accessible routes over cross slopes, displacements Compliant pedestrian routes not provided from parking to the accessible entrances for all buildings, and to all park amenities (i.e. sports fields, shelters, playgrounds, etc.) Site furniture not on accessible routes Playgrounds lacking an accessible safety surface Non-compliant restrooms Stairs with no alternative route and/or no handrails Lack of accessible seating at bleachers/sports fields Non-compliant water access (boarding piers, launches, etc.) (See Full Report for specific items by facility)

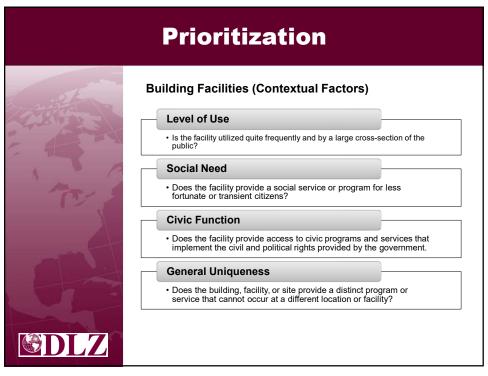




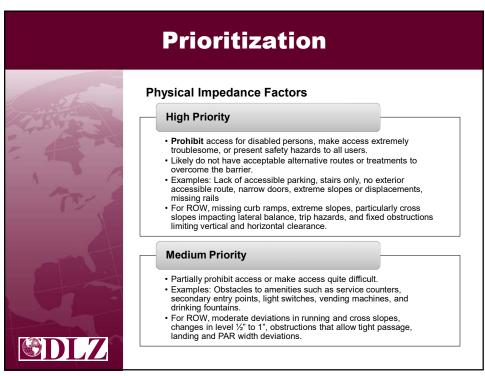


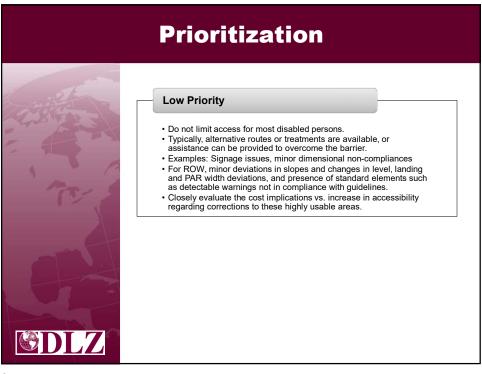


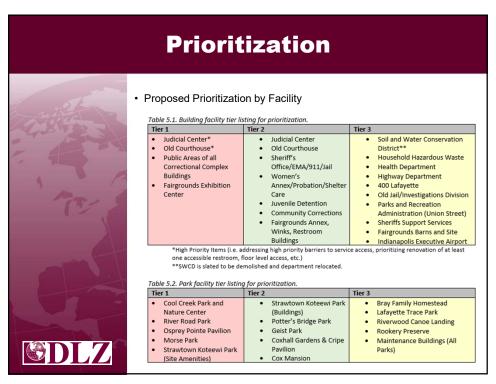












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Facility Summary					
Name & Location	Ownership Status	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Total Probable Cost
Judicial Center 1 N 8th Street	County Owned	\$588,085	\$181,630	\$58,040	\$827,755
Old Courthouse 33 N 9th Street	County Owned	\$110,240	\$27,270	\$11,100	\$148,610
Health Department 18030 Foundation Drive	County Owned	\$28,185	\$11,900	\$300	\$40,385
Highway Department 1700 S. 10th Street	County Owned	\$30,875	\$17,770	\$400	\$49,045
Soil and Water Conservation 1717 Pleasant Street	County Owned	\$18,510	\$0	\$0	\$18,510
Household Hazardous Waste	County Owned	\$12,340	\$8,400	\$600	\$21,340
Fairgrounds (12 Buildings) 2003 Pleasant Street	County Owned	\$209,600	\$64,435	\$20,465	\$294,500
Sheriff's Office/EMA/911/Jail 18100 Cumberland Road	County Owned	\$115,355	\$113,485	\$5,800	\$234,640
Women's Annex/ Probation/Shelter Care 18106 Cumberland Road	County Owned	\$80,015	\$162,500	\$9,950	\$252,465
Juvenile Detention Cumberland Road	County Owned	\$3,040	\$18,620	\$15,300	\$36,960
Community Corrections 18104 Cumberland Road	County Owned	\$82,405	\$55,790	\$5,000	\$143,195
Old Jail/Investigations Division 18108 Cumberland Road	County Owned	\$24,545	\$31,945	\$300	\$56,790
Sheriff Support Services Cumberland Road	County Owned	\$41,490	\$1,400	\$1,000	\$43,890
Future Parks and Recreation/Coroner Offices 400 Lafavette	County Owned	\$30,775	\$3,400	\$400	\$34,575
Indianapolis Executive Airport SR 32, Zionsville	County Owned	\$17,925	\$2,450	\$0	\$20,375
TOTALS		Low Priority \$1,393,385	Medium Priority \$700.995	High Priority	Total Probable Cost \$2,223,035

	Parks Summ	ary		
Name & Location	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Total Probable Cost
Existing Parks and Recreation Administration Office 15513 S. Union Street	\$22,880	\$20,215	\$1,650	\$44,745
Bray Family Homestead Park 4528 IN-38, Noblesville	\$85	\$300	\$960	\$1,345
Cool Creek Park & Nature Center 2000 E 151st Street, Carmel	\$82,365	\$37,990	\$17,700	\$138,055
Coxhall Gardens & Cripe Pavilion 11667 Towne Road, Carmel	\$193,173	\$16,820	\$500	\$210,493
Coxhall Mansion 11669 Towne Road, Carmel	\$52,005	\$4,970	\$1,500	\$58,475
Geist Park 10979 Florida Road, Fortville	\$28,070	\$2,635	\$1,280	\$31,985
Lafayette Trace Park 15796 Strawtown Ave, Noblesville	\$1,050	\$4,050	\$0	\$5,100
Morse Park 19777 Morse Park Ln, Noblesville	\$88,200	\$120,500	\$13,915	\$222,615
Osprey Pointe Pavilion 19777 Morse Park Ln, Noblesville	\$38,850	\$1,850	\$400	\$41,100
Potters Bridge Park 19401 N. Allisonville Rd, Noblesville	\$26,285	\$13,815	\$20,000	\$60,100
River Road Park 12575 River Road, Carmel	\$31,885	\$3,935	\$20,680	\$56,500
Riverwood Canoe Landing 20814 Riverwood Ave, Noblesville	\$475	\$10,200	\$0	\$10,675
Rookery Preserve 25440 Scherer Ave, Arcadia	\$15,600	\$6,060	\$0	\$21,660
Strawtown Koteewi Park 12308 Strawtown Ave, Noblesville	\$81,805	\$13,515	\$12,840	\$108,160
White River Campground 11299 E 234th Street, Cicero	\$100,285	\$11,680	\$1,600	\$113,565
,	Low Priority	Medium	High Priority	Total Probable
TOTALS	\$763.013	Priority \$268,535	\$93,025	Cost \$1,124,573



## **County Programs/Policies** Self-Evaluation of County programs included the following general categories: Public Information Designation of ADA Coordinator Grievance/Uniform Complaint Procedures Accommodations to Access Programs, Services and Activities Special Events and Private Events on County Property Contracted Services and Contractors Customer Service, Satisfaction, and Input **Equally Effective Communication** Alternate Communication Formats Fees and Surcharges · Information and Signage · Staff Training • Emergency Evacuation Procedures Employment

# Findings: Programs/Policies



The County meets many of the requirements for accessibility in their programs and services. However, room for improvement was seen in the following areas:

- · Standard non-discrimination notice printed on publications/ availability of other formats
- Standard language on all County meeting agendas regarding availability of and request for accommodations
- Staff training (ADA requirements, interaction with people with disabilities, equal accommodation alternatives, etc.)
- · Update ordinances to be more consistent in pedestrian ROW requirements and other accessibility related topics
- · Address signage needs at facilities for improved access

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# **Implementation**

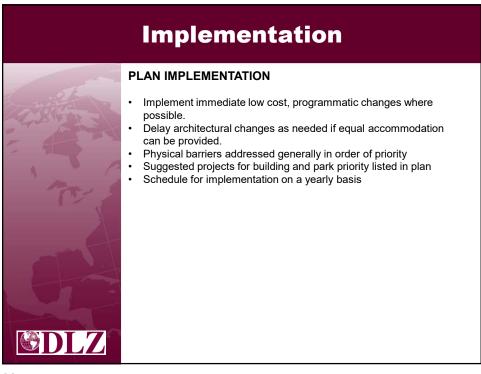
PROJECTED COUNTY COMMITMENTS

# Locations Responsible Person / Entity

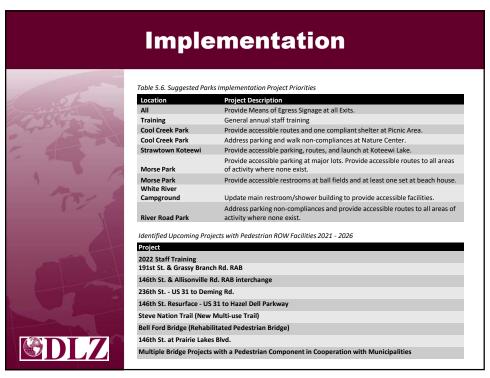
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to address the deficiencies noted on the most recent facility evaluation and deficiencies noted in the 2013

Hamilton County	Chris Stice (Director)	\$20,000 annually				
Parks/Parks Facilities	/ Bruce Oldham	(Department indicated expenditure may be increase				
	(Asst. Director)	where appropriate depending upon project need and				
		financial availability)				
Airport	Sam Sachs, Director	\$10,000 in next budget cycle				
		(Noted building upgrades and tenant improvements				
		may also include accessibility components.)				
All Other County	Steve Woods	\$30,000 annually				
Facilities	(Buildings and					
	Grounds					
	Superintendent)					
Highway	Brad Davis	\$60,000 annually				
(Right - of - Ways)	(Superintendent)	(allotted in a separate line item for ADA related projects				
		throughout the year to assist with tracking)				
All Projects	Hamilton County	\$110,000 annually				
		(Funds would be requested separately, and				
	I	administered independently by requesting department.				



#### **Implementation** Table 5.5. Suggested Facility Implementation Project Priorities Project Description Address sidewalk slopes at Public Entry. **Judicial Center** Judicial Center Provide one accessible public restroom on each floor. Address Courtroom high-priority non-compliances such as jury boxes, witness Judicial Center stands, and wheelchair seating. (Some may be programmatic adjustments). Old Courthouse Address Platform Lift/LULA issues. Provide Means of Egress Signage at all Exits. Specific ADASAD training for Buildings and Grounds Staff; General annual staff Training training Provide one accessible public restroom on each floor. **Old Courthouse** Old Courthouse Address public doors with significant non-compliances. **Correctional Campus** Address medium and high priority issues with all visitation facilities. Cool Creek Park Provide accessible routes and one compliant shelter at Picnic Area. Convert Jury restroom pairs to unisex and update 1 restroom per court to be Judicial Center accessible. **Judicial Center** Replace non-compliant service counters. Old Courthouse Replace non-compliant service counters. Health Department Replace non-compliant service counters. Replace non-compliant service counters.



# Provide Public Participation and Comment Period for Transition Plan (Ends January 31, 4pm) Review public comments for potential plan revisions. Adopt Transition Plan (anticipated at next regular meeting) Regular reviews and updates done as required and recommended Document corrective actions and removal of barriers in an annual summary Document changes to ADA and other guidance Maintain documentation of all activities, grievances, etc. as required by law

# **Discussion & Questions**



To provide additional comment, request reasonable accommodations, or to resolve future concerns, contact:

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